Use of separate syringes and needles

4544. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions regarding use of separate syringes and needles for each patient are not being followed even in Government run Hospitals and Health Centres in rural and remote areas causing Hepatitis and AIDS among patient; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) No Sir. In order to ensure implementation of these instructions, the Government has published a "Manual for Control of Hospitals Associated Infections" to assist all Hospitals and Health Centres to prevent HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and other infections.

Training workshops for Medical Officers and paramedical staff of Govt. hospitals are being organized for prevention of Hospital associated infections.

All Government Hospitals have been advised to constitute Hospital infection control committees to monitor and supervise infection control practices to prevent HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis.

Increase in Dengue and Malaria cases

4545. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many dangerous diseases like Dengue and Malaria are rapidly increasing in the country;

if so, the steps proposed to be taken for eradication/prevention of these diseases; and

(c) the details of the assistance provided to Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka by Government for the prevention of the above diseases during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) As per reports received from

the States, there has been an overall decline in the incidence of Dengue and Malaria during the year 2002 (upto October) as compared to that of 2001. However, for prevention and control of Dengue and Malaria, strategies adopted include :—

- Early case detection and prompt treatment.
- Selective vector control.
- Promotion of personal protection methods.
- Early detection and containment of epidemics.
- Information, Education and Communication towards personal prevention and community participation.
- Institutional and Management Capacity Building, Trained Manpower Development and efficient Management Information System (MIS).
- Issuance of advance warning to States/UTs suggesting all the preventive and control measures.

(c) The Central assistance provided to these States for prevention and control of the said diseases during each of the last three years is as under :—

Rs. in lakhs

Name of State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03 (B.E.)
Chhattisgarh	--	620.62	143.92
Karnataka	233.36	369.55	176.28
Madhya Pradesh	711.53	1090.25	160.49

Spread of AIDS among Women

4546. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of HIV infected women around the globe has increased from 41 per cent in 1997 to 49.7 per cent in 2002; and